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THE WEEK

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FOR THE WEEK OF

CITY CALENDAR	
OCTOBER	
4	Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.
5	2007 Personal Property Tax Bills Due (Paid in Treasurer's Office) FIRSTfriday Event
6	Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-Noon Fall Cleanup & Picnic, 10 a.m., Community Center Farm Day, Cherry Hill Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
7	National Fire Prevention Week
8	City Hall, Courts, DMV Select, Library, Schools, Senior Center, Sheriff's Office Closed Community Center Open No Yard Waste, Bundled Brush, or Special Collections Columbus Day
9	Last Day to Register to Vote Before the November 2007 Election Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court in Session Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. City Council, 7:30 p.m. Housing Commission, 7:30 p.m.
10	General District Court in Session Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation, 7 p.m. Story Hour, 7 p.m. School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Falls Church Film Festival
Submission Deadline Oct. 13
 Do you have a story to tell through the art of filmmaking? If so, share it at the 2nd Annual Falls Church Film Festival. Submissions will be accepted until Saturday, Oct. 13 for films in the following categories:

- General Fiction
- Documentary
- Student Film
- Horror/Thriller
- Animation
- Avant-garde

 Each filmmaker is limited to three submissions. You do not have to be an area resident to submit an entry. Send films to:

The Falls Church Film Festival
406 Lincoln Ave.
Falls Church, VA 22046

 Or, drop them off in person at:

Art and Frame of Falls Church
111 Park Ave.
Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

 For more information and contest rules, visit www.fallschurchfilmfest.com.



Register for the City's Online Newsletter at www.fallschurchva.gov



alert.fallschurchva.gov
Register to Receive Emergency Alerts

Columbus Day Holiday Schedule

COMMUNITY CENTER	OPEN
CITY HALL	CLOSED
COURTS	
DMV SELECT OFFICE	
MARY RILEY STYLES PUBLIC LIBRARY	
SCHOOLS	
SENIOR CENTER	
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	
GEORGE LOCAL TRANSIT	REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICE
YARD WASTE/BUNDLED BRUSH/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	NO PICKUP
	For information about collections, call 703-248-5081 (TTY 711).

Improving the Landscape on South Washington

The Urban Forestry Division is in the process of landscaping the entrance to the City along South Washington Street. The large planting island that previously had invasive, declining and overgrown plantings will be "made over" into a new design utilizing native plantings.

The Kwanzan cherry trees and Norway maples along South Washington Street have been in major decline for several years. Some obvious signs of decline in these trees included dead limbs, smaller leaf size, sucker growth and significant die back throughout their canopies. The cherry trees were infested with insects and the Norway maples, in addition to being highly invasive, were structurally unsound due to damage from vehicles. The Urban Forestry Division evaluated the extent of these issues and determined the trees should be removed because very little could be done to improve their health.

Tree replanting is an important component of the City's urban forestry program. When trees are removed it is important to select new trees that have adapted to local conditions, therefore reducing the need to fertilize and spray for pests. This location on South Washington Street will be replanted and landscaped this fall with sweetbay magnolias and other native shade trees. This will ensure that a viable tree canopy is maintained, or even increased, in the City. In addition, the once overgrown landscape bed will be replaced with shrubs and perennials to beautify this entrance to the City. The end result will be trees and plantings that are healthy, safe, and provide environmental benefits for our community.

Questions or concerns about tree removal and replacement should be directed to City Arborist Jill-Anne Spence at 703-248-5183 (TTY 711) or jspence@fallschurchva.gov.

Emergency Preparedness at Your Fingertips

All City residents and businesses should have received a copy of the City's new emergency preparedness brochure as part of National Preparedness Month in September. The City's Office of Communications developed this guide to help individuals and families prepare for an unforeseen emergency and know where to turn for reliable updates.

The "Preparing is as easy as 1, 2, 3" brochure illustrates topics to discuss with your family on the different ways to respond to a disaster, guides you through the steps you should take to develop your own emergency plan, and lists the critical items to include in your own emergency kit.

The City partnered with Nicholas Zaccor and the Falls Church Boy Scouts troop, who delivered the brochures to all residents and businesses in the City as part of Nicholas' Eagle Scout project. This partnership saved the City nearly \$4,000 in postage fees. If you did not receive a copy of this brochure, e-mail publicinfo@fallschurchva.gov to request a copy.





2007 Art Contest Deadline Oct. 5
www.fallschurchva.gov/artcontest.html

Classes and Events

Special Events Farm Day Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Ave. Enjoy old-fashioned activities for the entire family, including hayrides, pony rides, a petting farm, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, beekeeping, blacksmithing, live music and more! Free tours of the 1845 Cherry Hill Farmhouse and Barn are also available. Admission is free, however nominal fees apply to some activities. Call 703-248-5171 (TTY 711) for more information.	Tree Squad Planting Saturday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Location TBD Experienced tree planters needed to plant trees in the City right-of-way adjacent to properties where owners have requested a free street tree. Learn new landscaping skills and enjoy the crisp fall weather. To volunteer at this event, call 703-536-3049 or e-mail colsel@verizon.net . To see if your right-of-way qualifies for a free street tree, contact the City Arborist at 703-248-5183 (TTY 711) or e-mail jspence@fallschurchva.gov .
Fall Cleanup Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Meet in Front of the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St. Volunteer to beautify the City through a morning of litter pickup. Free picnic lunch provided, courtesy of Falls Church City restaurants. Sponsored by the Department of Environmental Services and the Falls Church Environmental Services Council. Rain or shine. Please call 703-248-5176 (TTY 711) to register.	Mary Riley Styles Library Activities 120 N. Virginia Ave. Value Line Investment Survey Seminars Saturday, Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. The library is offering two free one-hour seminars on interpreting and using company data found on the Value Line Investment Survey. Register at the Reference Desk or call 703-248-5035 (TTY 711).
 <div> City of Falls Church Farmers Market Every Saturday from 8 a.m. - Noon </div>	

Going Green

Sales Tax Holiday on ENERGY STAR Products

From Oct. 5-8, Virginia consumers can visit their local retailers and save both state and local sales tax on ENERGY STAR qualified products that cost \$2,500 or less. ENERGY STAR qualified products use approximately 30 percent less energy than conventional models. The following products are eligible:

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| 1. Ceiling Fans | 5. Programmable Thermostats |
| 2. Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) | 6. Refrigerators |
| 3. Dehumidifiers | 7. Room Air Conditioners |
| 4. Dishwashers | 8. Clothes Washers |

In addition to the ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday, consumers can save money with federal tax credits on doors, windows and other energy efficient products. These incentives are available through Dec. 31, 2007. For more information on the federal tax credits, visit www.energystar.gov/taxcredits.

Pilin Thai Named Best Overall Restaurant in Falls Church
 Congratulations to Pilin Thai on its Best Overall Restaurant win at the Taste of Falls Church competition. Eight other restaurants competed for the title on Sept. 15. Thanks to Argia's, Clare and Don's Beach Shack, Ireland's Four Provinces, Ledo Pizza, Pilin Thai, Robeks, Zpizza, Hoang's Grill and Sushi Bar, Applebee's, and Whole Foods (which did not compete) for dishing up some good eats.
 If you're an area restaurateur interested in competing in next year's Taste of Falls Church contact Jenny Elmore at 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) or jelmore@fallschurchva.gov.

How Your Property Donation Aids Public Safety Response
 Property owners interested in allowing the Falls Church Volunteer Fire Department access to their building or structure for training purposes are encouraged to contact the Department. Such donations allow firefighters training grounds to better respond to emergencies. Training involves scenarios where the structures are destroyed or partially destroyed by the participants. Visit www.fallschurchvfd.org or call 703-532-2672 for more information.

Falls Church Recreation & Parks Division
223 Little Falls Street
Falls Church, VA 22046
703-248-5077*

Phone Numbers

Open Gym/Weather Hotline	703-248-5125*
Special Events Hotline	703-248-5178*
Fax	703-536-5125
Senior Center	703-248-5020/21*

Community Center Hours

Monday-Thursday	8 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday	8:30 a.m. - Midnight
Sunday	Noon - 6 p.m.

Open Gym Hours
 Open Gym hours are updated on a bi-weekly basis and are also posted on the Open Gym Hotline, 703-248-5125*. All hours are subject to change.
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